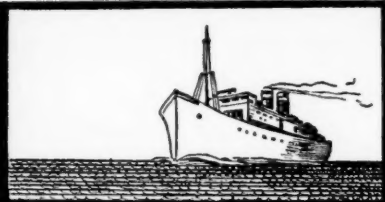


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Christmas Gift

BY CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND

IT was 1933. John had been out of work for over a year, and besides his wife he had a twelve year old son and a ten year old daughter to support and keep in school. It had been a pretty hard grind and he became rather desperate as the end of his savings began to loom into clear view. It was hard not to be able to dress the children well and to have to deny them many little things to which they had been accustomed, but his wife backed him nobly and the youngsters carried themselves well as a rule.

Today as he came home from the never ending search for work his wife was watching for him from the window as usual, and her heart leaped at something new in his step. There seemed to be more vigor in it. It wasn't her imagination. She stood in the open door as he entered, a smile on her lips and an unspoken question in her steady gaze.

He drew her to him and kissed her, then held her off and stared at her. "What a woman you are," he said. "How on earth did you know?"

"I could see it in your step and the way you held your head," she replied. "What is it, John? Tell me quickly. When do you start work?"

"Go easy! I don't know what you will think of it and don't quite know what I think myself, but at least it's a chance. We have got to do some heavy thinking. Sit down and I'll tell you about it."

They sat down facing each other and John went into his tale. "Mr. Edwards has offered me a job as traveling salesman." He reached over and patted her arm as she gave a startled gasp. "I know, dear, and I'm not going to take it unless you say so. It means separation and tough times for both of us, you here alone with the children and me out on

the road—and I don't even know whether I can sell farm machinery."

"Farm machinery!" she cried. "Why, you don't know anything about it, do you?"

"Mighty little," he grinned, "but that is what Mr. Edwards makes, and that is what I will have to sell if I take the job. I went into his plant again today, just taking a chance, and this is what developed. He had just determined to drop the man who has been covering western Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado. Some trouble with his accounts and dissatisfaction among the customers of the house."

Grace glanced at the clock and rose. "Keep the rest of it until after dinner, John. The children are out watching a ball game on the school house grounds and will be coming in hungry as two wolves in a few minutes. I must be ready for them. Then after dinner you can tell me the whole story."

So, after dinner was over, the place cleaned up and the children settled down to their home work, John went on with his problem. "Mr. Edwards knows I have some mechanical skill and leanings and he popped the question at me as to whether I thought I could handle the job. I told him I knew nothing of farm machinery. He said it was similar to all other machinery and a man who could handle and repair a car, as he knew I had done before we lost ours, and things of that sort, could quickly learn enough to talk up the line and soon get familiar enough with it to handle it properly. He was really quite encouraging over it when I was frank about my lack of knowledge."

"But it means your going away, and staying away most of the time, doesn't it?" anxiously inquired Grace.

"Yes, dear, it does; that is the worst feature of it. I'll have to be out going

over and over the territory practically all the time, summer and winter—if I'm lucky enough to hold onto the job. That means leaving you here alone with the children nearly all the time. Probably

I can get back and spend Christmas week with you but that will be about all, at least this year. Perhaps next year we could move out somewhere into the territory, to some place where I could usually be at home week ends. Would you mind such a move very much?"

Grace hopped up and came over and sat on his lap, with her arm around his neck. "You know I wouldn't, John. I'm not in love with the big city life. It would be lots cheaper living in a small town, and perhaps I could have a garden and some flowers and probably many more friends. You do get so much better acquainted in a small place. And I really think it would be better for the children also. The schools are as good or nearly so, and the things they miss would be made up by other things."

"You are a peach, Grace. I knew I could count on you for all the help and backing a man could ask. I'm to have a drawing account and Mr. Edwards says he can split that between us, you to get a check every two weeks. Anything I can make above that drawing account will be sent to me monthly, but I'm afraid it will be a long time before that happens. Times and conditions are bad all out through there. Edwards said so frankly, but he is building for the future. I wonder what the children will think about it all?"

Grace gave him a hug and then rose. "Let's go tell them. I think I know what they will say."

So they went into the living room, called the children from their studies and outlined the proposition to them. They sat with wide eyes and listened. Both loved their father dearly and tears rose

as they realized how great their loss would be. Raymond got up and came over and stood before his father. "Pop, do you really mean that if you take it we won't see you again from now to Christmas?"

"I'm afraid it means just that, son. In fact, it means more than that. It means that you will be the man of the house and take care of Mother and Bessie. I shall have to be sure that I can count on you to help Mother in every way possible and do a lot of things you have not had to do before. I can, can't I?"

Raymond threw himself into his father's arms and snuggled up to him. "You bet you can, Pop! I'll take good care of them and tend the fire and go to the store and everything that Mom wants. But, Gee! we'll miss —" His voice broke and he buried his face in his father's neck.

Half an hour later, after the matter had been gone over and over, Raymond suddenly asked, "Say, Pop, how are you going to travel and cover all that ground?"

"That is the question I have been dreading," replied John. "I have to get a car. I not only have to call on dealers in cities and towns but make calls directly on farmers well out in the country. Mr. Edwards offered to buy me a new car, taking so much a month from my drawing account, but that would leave us all starving. So I'm going to look around and pick up a bargain of some sort. That is the worst of the whole business, Grace. We are about busted now and any kind of a car I can get that will travel will take at least half of what money we have left, so if anything should go wrong we will be sunk completely."

"I'm not afraid," she replied. "When are you to give Mr. Edwards your answer? Tomorrow! And how soon are you to get started? Next week? John!" Then she braced herself with an effort and smiled at him again. "Well, go ahead and tell him yes and then find your car and get it in shape. We will be all right, won't we, children?"

And so it was settled. This was Mon-

day night. John put in long hours at the plant getting "wised up" on his new line. Tuesday night he hunted up a rather disreputable looking car with room for necessary baggage and worked feverishly on it evenings, so by the end of the week it looked quite respectable. "At a big store I'll leave it around the corner," he grinned at his wife, "but at a farm house it ought to look pretty near all right."

During John's last evening at home Raymond suddenly said, "Pop, keep an eye out for stamps for me, will you?" Some of those farm houses you visit may be old and have some in the attic, or maybe at the stores you can find some high values in the waste baskets."

John smiled and hugged his son. "I don't know a thing in the world about stamps, you know, Raymond, but I'll try to get any I run across. But don't be disappointed if I don't, for I have an awful lot of my own affairs to concentrate on for a while."

It was a tough struggle for John, covering states new to him, learning the roads, meeting and smoothing down disgruntled customers of the house, gradually making friends along the line, but slowly and surely working his way up. When he got home for Christmas week they had a joyful time of it. He told of the sights in the Black Hills, made light of the time he got stuck in a snowdrift from a sudden storm and had to sleep all night in his cold car, and many other tales of his experiences, to which they listened avidly.

1934 came and went, the year of the drought and dust storms. It was a hard one in which to make progress. John still had his old rattletrap and the family was still in Chicago, but he was making progress. He had made firm friends of about all of the old customers and had secured many new ones. Orders were pitifully small, but farmers and firms would hold them back until he arrived. His standing with the firm was excellent and in their letters they kept encouraging him to fight it out. "When conditions get better you will reap a full reward for your present struggle," a statement which John fully believed.

His second Christmas week at home was a joy to all of them. The children had grown "in wisdom and in stature," and Grace delighted him with the tales of their helpfulness, while she made light of the separation and shortage of money. For a month he had been living on short rations, saving what Christmas money he could, so the day was a happy one for them all.

After the morning excitement over exchange of gifts had died down, John went to the closet and brought out a little package. "Come here, man of the house," he said to Raymond. "I have a present from a stranger for you. A

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The Post Office Department announced late the evening of December 14, that they have decided upon January 15, 1937, for the first day sale of the 2-cent stamps of the Army-Navy series. They will be sold exclusively in Washington, D. C.

These two-cent stamps will be horizontally arranged and the same size as the one-cent stamps of this series. Both will be printed in red ink.

The two-cent Army stamp has for the central subject portraits of Andrew Jackson at the left and Winfield Scott at the right in oval panels which touch the edge of the stamp at the top and side. Below the ovals are white ribbon panels bearing the names Jackson and Scott in dark Gothic lettering. In the background between the ovals is a reproduction of the home of Jackson, beneath which appears the inscription, "The Hermitage."

Roman numerals instead of the figure two appear in each lower corner and along the lower border of the stamp are the words "Two Cents." At the top of the stamp is a narrow panel with the words, "United States Postage."

The two-cent navy stamp depicts portraits of Stephen Decatur at the left and Thomas McDonough at the right for the central motif, below which are the names Decatur and McDonough, while below the portrait ovals are the names of the historic naval vessels which came under their respective commands, "United States" at the left and "Saratoga" at the right.

In the space between the portrait ovals is a drawing of a warship of that period under full sail. Along the upper border of the stamp is the inscription, "United States Postage," and in each lower corner appears Roman numerals instead of the figure two. Along the lower border of the stamp are the words, "Two Cents," on either side of which appears a five-pointed star.

Stamp collectors may send the usual limited number of self-addressed covers, not to exceed ten, together with a cash or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps required. Collectors are warned that covers must bear postage at the regular first class rate, and therefore should allow for two 2-cent stamps on each cover, except those addressed for local delivery in Washington, on which one two-cent stamp will suffice.

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Surinam—Forgeries of Scott's Nos. 25 to 30

First, the perforations on the fakes do not agree with the original. Second, in the lower right corner of the genuine the horizontal inner frame line does NOT extend to the outer thick frame line. In the fakes this line extends to the thick outer frame line.

(Emco Monthly Journal)

The Texas Centennial-Mason-Pangborn Flop

Enthusiasts who give up dollars for letters to be carried on proposed air mail flights suffer another loss in the flop of the Mason-Pangborn Flight which we believe was sponsored by the Texas Centennial Commission. Leastwise we are of the opinion that the announcements of this flight and the proposals concerning it were broadcast to collectors and the country at large on stationery of the Texas Centennial.

If we are correct in this belief, then it would seem that the Centennial people were using the United States Mails for this solicitation and that in as much as the flight has flopped, someone ought to pay back to collectors the dollars that they contributed to the proposed flight.

It appears, however, that the attention of Postoffice Officials has been called to this matter and that they disclaim any interest in the matter. It is stated in an article in the Dallas Morning News of December 5th, that the letters have had U. S. stamps placed on them and were cancelled by the postmaster at Dallas. The letters were then taken to New York in preparation for the flight.

The backer of the flight was a Mr. Richards. This gentleman places blame on the Centennial authorities. "Mr. Richards claims that the Centennial failed to back up its agreement with him after he and Pangborn proposed to carry out the flight and make a good-will tour to New York enroute." "We received far better treatment in Shreveport, New Orleans and Cleveland than

we received in Dallas," he said.

Approximately 300 letters representing a contribution of \$900 from collectors are in the possession of Mr. Richards. He left New York with these letters, is carrying them by Auto trailer, has stopped at Dallas and will proceed to Los Angeles with the letters in the trailer when from that point they will be returned to collectors.

It is therefore up to you collectors who receive these letters to gloat over the fact that you have one of the Historic Texas Centennial Flop letters that was carried across the country by Auto Trailer. Perhaps the only ones of their kind in captivity and if you can get a kick, equal to your moneys worth out of a letter of this sort, then that will settle the matter for you and your mind should be at rest. If that does not satisfy you, you should just keep on worrying for it is very improbable that you can ever get anything more than worry out of the situation.

It would seem that if there is but \$1300 involved in this mess that Mr. Richards might better have made refunds rather than to travel across the country in an auto trailer just to do something novel with the letters. However, maybe Mr. Richards was in New York and wanted to be in Los Angeles and is carrying the letters along for ballast.

The Dallas Morning News devotes a full column on its front page to this debacle which we feel casts a very undesirable blot on the Centennial in Texas.

For our part, we have been gyped on other occasion by fly-by-night outfits with wild dreams of this nature to promote and we are wary of them. We can only advise collectors in the future to keep their dollars in their pockets and tell all these flight promoters to go jump in the ocean. It will save you lots of worry and loss if you handle it that way.

Mr. F. T. Stoddard of Austin, Texas, who so kindly attempted to act for all who had sent letters for this flight states that he has turned all correspondence over to the Postoffice Department and that he understands that an investigation of the flight is being made. If any further action is taken, we will hope to get the information which will be published in due time.

Change in 3c Army Stamp

It was also announced by the Postmaster General that the portrait of General Philip Sheridan will be added to the central design of the three-cent Army postage stamp which will be issued sometime in February. As previously announced this stamp will also include portraits of U. S. Grant and W. T. Sherman.

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Mr. Jarvis, the manager of the Kenmore Stamp Company, called the publisher by long distance phone on the evening of Sunday, December 13, roughly outlined the plan for the advertisement and told us to "shoot the works." That meant some quick action on our part, for, with four stamps to round up, all of which were not in our possession and some of which we had to borrow on the next day from local collectors who although we caught them downtown at their work, had the stamps at home and we could not get hold of same until Tuesday morning.

Then to rush the engravers for making four large halftone cuts of a size which required more time than usual because of the extra enlargement, making necessary more photographic work, we were able to get forms for one side of the supplement on our press on Wednesday afternoon. By running till near midnight Wednesday, we were able to get the second forms on the next day and to get the papers into the mail with the supplement by just a half day's delay.

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MENTION LINN'S TO ADVERTISERS

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Another fact of great interest to collectors is that the Morgenthau Company have had access to the copy for the new 1937 Specialized U. S. Catalogue and that this sale is priced throughout by these new 1937 catalogue figures. It will therefore be of great interest to check the sale prices by these new catalogue figures.

The sale is scheduled for January 13, 14, 15 and the new specialized catalogue will be issued on the 15th of January.

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The 13th Annual Exhibition of the Allentown Philatelic Society consisted of 104 frames. The dinner was well attended and Linn's Weekly Stamp News was handed to all present. Other firms sent various items to be used as awards at the dinner. The Grand Award for the exhibition, known as the Lambert W. Gerber Award, was won by Joseph W. Moyer of Pottstown, Penna.

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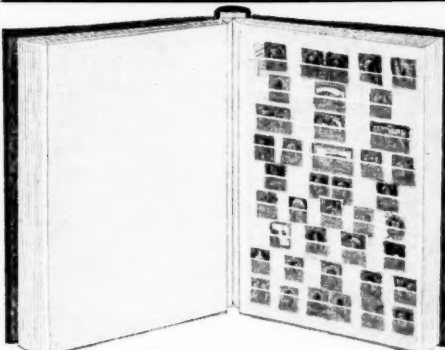
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Christmas Gift

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couple of weeks ago I was in the office of one of my big customers and noticed a package with some stamps I didn't recognize. Asked him if I could have them for my son. That led to a little talk on stamp collecting. He wanted to know what it was all about and I had to tell him that I didn't know, but I knew it had helped you quite a bit in school and filled up many hours for you when you might have been out on the streets in danger of being run over, or getting into poor company.

"Finally he said, 'I like the sound of that boy of yours and I have something to send him. Don't know whether it is any good or not. My grandfather was a lawyer in Indiana and when he died a lot of his papers were put into a box against possible future need and stored at home. When we moved out here we brought the box along and put it down cellar in the original store, and it has been here ever since. It is odd that you should have asked for those stamps for your boy, for just yesterday I happened to see that box and concluded to get rid of the old papers by burning them up. One of the boys opened the box and I had just started to look at the contents when I was called upstairs and didn't get back. But I had noticed some old folded letters with stamps on them. Come on, and we will go see.'"

"So we went down cellar and went through the box, and here is the result. There are nearly fifty of the letters, the old folded kind. There were no envelopes with the later correspondence. He said to give them to you with a Merry Christmas, and he hoped you could use them. So do I, but I suppose you will have them all."

Raymond took the package with shining eyes. He sat down at the table and opened it carefully. As he saw the first stamp he whispered "Geel!" to himself. A minute later he exclaimed, "Gosh, Pop!" and as he went on over the pile he got more excited and incoherent. Then of a sudden he sobered down, walked over to confront his father and asked, "Pop, are you sure he can afford to give those stamps away?"

"Are they really good?" smiled John. "Yes, son, he can afford to. He is a rich man. I told him they might be of value and that you would sell them for him if so, but he said, 'Nothing doing. You give them to the boy. If they are of any value to him I shall be delighted.' So they are yours all right. Why, are they real good?"

"I just wanted to be sure," replied Raymond. "They are pretty good, but there are only three or four different kinds. I can get rid of them easily enough. Thanks, Pop. I think it makes Christmas complete. Oh say, when are you going to get a new car? We heard you coming two blocks away!"

That sobered them all down. John needed a new car and he needed it badly, for the old one was about gone. But there was no possibility of getting one yet, he had to explain. If there was plenty of winter snow and spring rain, and if the drought was really over and crops came up well, and if there were no insect plagues or hail storms, he would be able to get one next summer. Until then he just had to get along.

But later in the day when John went across the street for a chat with an old friend Raymond pounced on his mother, again wild with excitement. "Mom, listen! Those stamps are worth hundreds of dollars! Honest they are; I know. I can show you in my old catalog. I was going to tell Pop when all of a sudden I got the idea we could sell them and get him a new car for Christmas. That was why I asked him if the man could afford to give them away, and then I shut up."

He rushed into his room and came out with the packet of letters and the catalog. "Look, Mom! This is the 5c New York, the first one issued here. Look at the price, and it is for the stamp alone. It is worth more on the letter, and there are eight of them, with two pairs. Most of the rest are the 5c and 10c 1847 and there are three pairs of the 5c. Look at the prices on those! The others are just 3c stamps and don't amount to anything but, Mom, I think I can sell the lot for enough to get Pop a car right now."

His mother was bewildered and incredulous and had to ask many questions and look at both stamps and catalog over and over again before she was convinced of their value. Then she wanted to know whether he could really sell them, and who could or would buy such a lot.

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Next morning Raymond drifted quietly out "to see a fellow" and came home three hours later carrying a head of steam high enough to burst a boiler. He was hungry, he said, and made for the kitchen. John, checking up on a report, wondered a bit why it took both his mother and Bess to wait on him, but fortunately he was too busy to go out and see. Ray had a check that brought tears to his mother's eyes. The sale had been made and the new car was in sight!

The next day Mother had to go out on some errand. That afternoon John might have noticed a stranger walking around his car rather critically, but he didn't. Later there was a man at the door but there was nothing to make John prick up his ears when Mother returned and said, "it was just a man who wanted to sell me something."

But the next afternoon there was a riot! All day there had been an unexplainable air of hilarity and good humor, a gale of laughter over the simplest joke, an unnecessary amount of hugging and whispering, but nothing tangible to lay it to. "How happy they are because I'm home," thought John. "What a shame it is I can't be here more. If only crops are good so I can move them out there by September!" Uncomfortably he strolled to the front window and looked out. His car was not there! There was a shiny new one out there, but his was nowhere in sight. His heart sank. If anyone should steal that old wreck he was ruined!

He grabbed his hat and rushed out. He looked up and down the block in despair. His eye caught sight of a card hanging from the door of the new car and automatically he stepped up and read it. It said, "Merry Christmas from Raymond, Mother and Bess."

He looked up and there, crowded into the window, were the smiling faces of his loved ones. He dashed back into the house and they swarmed over him with cries of happiness. An hour later the matter had been explained fully, the new car had been inspected inside and out and a sample ride had been taken in it and they were back in the home. There John shook hands with Raymond as man to man and said, "You are a trump, old man. I'll make good on that job now, if only to justify your selfishness."

And he did. 1935 was all that was hoped for; ground was moist, crops came up finely, nothing happened to darken the harvest prospects, farmers chirped up

and began to buy badly needed machinery, and in early September John proudly drove his family out to the new home he had ready for them, driving the car that stamps had provided him.

Army-Navy First Day Sale

The first stamps of the Army-Navy heroes series, the one-cent Army and Navy issues, were placed on sale Dec. 15, with the sale limited to the Washington, D. C., postoffice. Ceremonies incident to the placing on sale for the first time of these new Service stamps were conducted in the Benjamin Franklin Station of the main Post Office Department Building with officials of the Post Office, War and Navy Departments participating as did also Mrs. Eleanor Seldon Washington Howard, great, great, grand niece of George Washington, and the only living person to have been born at Mount Vernon.

Roy M. North, Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General, sold the first sheet of the one-cent Army stamps to Secretary of War, Harry H. Woodring, who in turn presented the sheet to Mrs. Howard, following which Admiral William H. Standley, representing Secretary of the Navy Claude A. Swanson, purchased and presented to Mrs. Howard the first sheet of the one-cent Navy stamps.

Also present as the first sheets were sold by Mr. North were Smith W. Purdum, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Vincent C. Burke, Washington postmaster, and Robert E. Fellers, Superintendent, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department.

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Editor's Comment

ANONYMOUS Under that signature a disgruntled person takes a very nasty fling at stamp collecting in the December issue of a magazine called "Esquire." This magazine is so high priced that probably but few of our readers ever see a copy, yet it will doubtless come to the attention of many people who will accept it as fact, when, as a matter of fact, the entire article appeals to me as having been written by someone with a grudge against dealers mentioned in the article and it is my wish to review this article thoroughly in an early issue of this paper.

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Any man who states that he sold over four hundred dollars face value of U. S. stamps for \$200.00 cash and threw in hundreds of dollars catalog value of other good U. S. to make it a bargain for the dealer certainly needs a guardian.

It has never been our policy to recommend stamp collecting as an investment for anyone, yet at the same time we know that stamp collecting can become a sound investment for the man who knows his stamps and studies his market. The whole trouble is, lack of knowledge on the part of the prospective investor and whether it be stamps, stocks or real estate. If you recklessly and without satisfactory knowledge of your subject, squander your money in any of them you have one chance in a hundred of making the investment a profitable one. When you gamble for bigger stakes than the interest that you get on sound Government bonds you must prepare yourself with the knowledge necessary to invest profitably or be satisfied to chalk up your loss to experience and not grouch about it.

That stamp collecting has been a profitable investment for many men is only too well known to hundreds of dealers as well as collectors.

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In my own personal experience as a stamp dealer, covering a period of fifteen years in this city, I personally sold collections for several young men of this city, collections which they had built up in years prior to the time at which they married. These collections were by young collectors, of no great value, yet in three or four instances that I recall, these young men obtained a matter of four or five hundred dollars through the sale of stamp collections which were but small collections and which represented to them savings which they would not have had, had they not bought stamps. The

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Stamps can be a profitable investment if one has the sound sense to know what they are doing, but too many people who have no business to invest money in stamps are doing it today and this situation is detrimental to stamp collecting. It is no game for idiots.

It so happens that right at this time, Mr. Charles J. Phillips, of New York, has sent us copy for an advertisement offering his wonderful book entitled, "The King of Hobbies and the Hobby of Kings." This is offered elsewhere in this issue. In sending this advertisement, Mr. Phillips quotes from a letter received by him from Sir Nicholas Waterhouse of England. Sir Nicholas is one of the leading collectors in England, was an exhibitor at the late Tipex show in New York and, while a Britisher, he has specialized in the stamps of the United States and it is interesting to know his opinion about investing in stamps. Just let me quote the letter that Sir Nicholas sent Mr. Phillips:

"Dear Mr. Phillips: I have just read your charming book on the 'Hobby of Kings' and feel that I shall soon be reading its 400 pages all over again. It is

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"Your chapter on the investment side of stamp collecting would come as an eye-opener to many non-philatelists. I am glad to say that my interest in the beautiful stamps of the United States has automatically done me far more good financially than all the other investments that I have ever made in my life multiplied a good many times over."

There is a statement by a man who is qualified to speak. Compare that with the article by the man who calls his wife an idiot, in the December issue of Esquire.

Commemorative Precancels Banned

Precancel collectors will be shocked at the recent ruling of the Postoffice Department regarding the precanceling of Commemoratives. Here is the text of the order from the December 16 issue of the Postal Bulletin.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR is our wish to all our readers. When you make that New Year's resolution, resolve to send in more air mail news during 1937 than ever before. It is through the co-operation of our readers that we are able to give you as much news as possible.

The Eastern Air Lines took over the Wedell-Williams Air Service from New Orleans to Houston and opened their first New York to Houston direct flight on December 15.

First flight from Santa Barbara on AM 11 saw 1220 covers flown into Santa Barbara from the north and 948 from the south. Out-bound mail to the north numbered 8667 covers and southbound saw 2125 covers carried.

The Air Commerce Bulletin gives a number of new airports this time. New Jersey—Towaco, Jacobus airport, private, immediately north. Ohio—Alliance, Stocker airport, one mile southeast; Chillicothe, Scioto State Forest Field, auxiliary, 9 miles southeast; Cincinnati, Mt. Healthy Airport, commercial, 12 miles northwest center of city; Cleveland, Cleveland Air Service Field, commercial, 10 miles southwest; Columbus, Clickenger airport, auxiliary, 5½ miles southeast; Madison, Tuttle Field, private, 3½ miles northwest; Mansfield, Gages airport, commercial 5 miles west; Massillon, private, 1½ miles northwest; Neptune, Crow Field, auxiliary, ½ mile northeast; North Benton, Miller Field,

auxiliary, 1 mile north; Rockford, Rager Field, auxiliary, southwest of town; Shelby, Stroup Field, auxiliary, 1½ miles southeast; Toronto, Port Toronto, municipal, 2 miles west; Washington Court House, Wilson Field, auxiliary, ½ mile south; Willoughby, Chagrin Harbor Airport, commercial, 3 miles north on Lake Erie at mouth Chagrin River; Willoughby, Ford Airport, private, on Lake Erie 4 miles north-northeast of city; Zaleski, Zaleski State Forest Field, auxiliary, ½ mile south.

Co-ops: John H. Allen, Air Commerce Bulletin, W. S. C.

Trend of the Market

We are pleased to notice the increased demand for the classic postal issues of the U. S., as well as for sidelines such as revenues, telegraphs, departments, dues, etc. This is a welcome change from the rank speculation in recent U. S. that has been spreading over the country like a plague during the past few years. After all, if you are a stamp collector, collect stamps and leave speculation to the professionals.

The P. O. department of the United States is the biggest stamp dealer in the world. During the past year nearly \$3,000,000.00 has been contributed by trusting collectors for such junk as Farleys, Tipex, and other pretty labels produced solely for stamp collectors in an effort to reduce the annual P. O. deficit.

If a European or South American country were to issue over 50 different postage stamps in less than 3 years collectors would boycott them. Why is our own United States any different?

Why a so-called stamp collector of limited means should devote the bulk of his stamp money to mint sheets of current issues has always been a source of mystery to us. All right, buy a single and a block of everything new, but devote the balance of your budget to building up your collection, and not in accumulating a dealer's stock.

—Spencer Anderson's Bulletin.

First Day Sales

Postmaster General James A. Farley announced that first day sales of the new one-cent Army and Navy postage stamps, which were offered to the public at the Washington, D. C., post office on Dec. 15, for the first time, amounted to \$36,396.33.

This figure represents a sale of \$24,186.36 through the Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency, while the remaining \$12,209.97 were sold through the Washington City post office. First-day cover cancellations from Washington on Tuesday totaled 390,749.

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GREECE—During the month of November the remains of King Constantine and Queen Sophie were to be taken to Athens to be buried. To commemorate this event two special stamps were scheduled to be issued depicting King Constantine. The stamps will have black borders. The values announced are 3 and 8 drachmas, with five million of the lower value and 2 million of the higher, to be issued.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

GUATEMALA—New regular postage. Both values are horizontal rectangular format, the smaller is 27 x 22mm. in size, on thick paper, the center photograph, the border offset printing. The larger is 41 x 25mm., the design is divided into three panels, the center of which is a map of Guatemala in brown. Both are unwmkd., perf. 12½.

A105—½c. green and ultramarine

(National Printing Office)

A106—5c. blue and dark brown

(Map of Guatemala)

Air Post Stamps. For domestic postage, new colors. Unwmkd., perf. 12½:

AP10—50c. Prussian blue and green

(Aurora Airport)

AP10—1q. carmine and green

(Lake Amatitlan)

For Foreign postage, three new values and new colors on the other two. The three lower values are 34 x 15mm. in size and the two higher are 46 x 20mm.:

AP11—4c. orange-yellow and green

(Mouth of Dulce River)

AP11—50c. purple and green

(Port of San Jose)

AP11—1q. dark green and green

(Aurora Airport)

AP11—2.50q. rose-red, olive-green and green

(Island on Atlantic Coast)

AP11—5q. orange, indigo and green

(Atlantic Coast)

(R. Roberts)

HONDURAS—Official Stamps. Official stamps of 1931, overprinted in black "HABITADO 1935-38" and bars; unwmkd., perf. 12:

O8—5c. olive gray

O8—6c. red orange

O8—15c. olive-brown

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

INDIA—Bhopal—The official stamps chronicled by us October 24th, are already almost sold out and will not be reprinted, since the new pictorial official stamps are ready for sale. The actual quantities issued of the stamps noted October 24th, were ¼a.—\$6,000 and 1a.—\$5,000.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

The denominations of the new pictorial official stamps are reported to be ¼a., ½a., 1a., 1½a., 2a., 3a., 4a. and 8a.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

Bijawar—We note in the Tentative Listings in the back of the 1937 Scott Catalog, that they note the fact that the entire set exist both perforated and rouletted. However, thus far Mr. R. Roberts of London reports only one value rouletted and Whitfield, King & Co., of the same city report the same value and one other as existing rouletted, so we note them below:

A1—3p. brown

A1—6p. magenta

Chamba—Under-noted stamp of British India, overprinted in black in one line "CHAMBA STATE." Wmkd. mult. stars, perf. 14:

A52—4a. olive green

Official Stamp. Above value also overprinted in black in two lines "CHAMBA STATE SERVICE," for official use.

Hyderabad. We are now informed that the Silver Jubilee stamps to be issued in connection with the celebrations in honor of the event of H.E.H. the Nizam, which were postponed from last February owing to the death of King George (see our notes of Dec. 28th, 1935), will now appear in February of 1937.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

Nabha. Under-noted stamp of India, overprinted "NABHA STATE":

¼a. olive-green

(Gibbons' Supplement)

IVORY COAST—New designs. Issued October 20th, for regular postage. The following values are vertical rectangular and show as the central picture a Baoule Woman: 1c. claret; 2c. ultramarine; 4c. brown; 5c. purple; 10c. bright blue; 15c. copper. The next values show the Mosque at Bobo Dioulasso; these are horizontal rectangular format: 20c. ultramarine; 25c. brick-red; 30c. emerald-green; 40c. rose-carmine; 45c. brown; 50c. violet. Following are also horizontal and show a wharf scene with natives at work: 65c. brown-red; 75c. deep purple; 90c. rose-lake; 1fr. deep green; 1.25fr. brick red; 1.50fr. ultramarine. The rest of the set are vertical format and show natives at a stream filling their water jugs: 1.75fr. rose-lake; 2fr. ultramarine; 3fr. green; 5fr. brown; 10fr. purple, and 20fr. dull red.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

JAPAN—Imperial Diet Commemoratives. A First Day Cover and a set of mint stamps is at hand from Mr. Karl Lewis, of Tokio, of a series of four values issued November 7th, to commemorate the opening of the New Imperial Diet Building in Tokio. All values are horizontal rectangular format, perf. 13, wmkd., wavy lines:

1½s. light green (Exterior view of the Building)

3s. purple-brown (Interior stairway)

6s. carmine (same as 3s.)

10s. ultramarine (same as 1s.)

LIBIA—Air Post Stamp. Scott's AP2 of Cyrenaica, overprinted in black for use in this colony: 50c. purple

(R. Roberts)

MEXICO—Official Stamps. The whole of the current set has been overprinted for Official use, but the stamps are not yet available.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

PERU—Commemoratives. Centenary of the founding of the province of Callao. Unwmkd., perf. 12½. The 2c, 50c, 2S and 5S are vertical rectangular format and the balance of the set are horizontal:

A132—2c. black (1st Peruvian Warship)

A133—4c. blue-green (Naval College at Punta)

A134—5c. yellow-brown (Independence Square, Callao)

A135—10c. blue-gray (Aerial view of Callao)

A136—15c. green (docks and Custom House)

A137—20c. dark brown (Map of Walls of Callao in 1746)

A138—50c. purple (Don Jose de la Mar)

A139—1S. olive-green (Packetboat)

A140—2S. violet (Don Jose Antonio manso de Velasco)

A141—5S. carmine (Fort Maipo)

A142—10S. red-orange and brown (Map of Fort Real Felipe)

Air Post with Above Set

AP9—35c. gray-black ("La Callao," first locomotive in South America)

(Joseph Green)

Semi-Postal Stamp. Stamp of 1935 overprinted in black vertical reading down "LEY 8310." Unwmkd. perf. 13x13½:

SP10—2c. brown-violet

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

PORTUGAL—We are informed that Air Mail stamps of the following denominations will be issued shortly: 1, 1.50, 1.75, 5 and 10 escudos.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

ROUMANIA—Semi-Postal Stamps. Aviation Fund stamps. New design, horizontal rectangular format, modernistic drawing of a helmeted aviator:

50b. deep blue-green

1L. brown

2L. deep ultramarine

We are informed that the Marine Expedition stamps noted recently were difficult to obtain in quantity as only 5 and 10 sets were sold to each applicant possessing an entrance ticket.

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—Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

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New Items—

New York City No. 127 6c coil.

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Trenton, N. J., No. 70 ½c ord.

—H. M. Southgate.

METERS

An article in the December issue of the Mid-West Precancel Collector by Al Jones quotes the figures that in the past 15 years the use of meters has increased from .03% to 15.8% with prospects of an ever increasing future. Won't some of my good natured readers check up on the incoming mail they have access to and see what per cent they find to be metered? There can be no doubt that the meters will be the thing that will finally push stamps and precancels into eternal oblivion. But let's talk no more about that, it makes me feel sad.

ARE THEY?

What we want to know and several of the readers has anyone come across a buro print from the ELECTRIC EYE plates? So far all of the items we men-

tioned have been local or city type precancels. I think it will be very interesting if someone can turn up some buro prints from these plates. Wm. W. Hurrel of McKeesport, Pa., reports an EYE item from Hackensack, N. J., in U-121 type.

EXPLAINING

Since Mr. Linn has been putting on a drive for subscriptions, which certainly must be successful judging from the many new correspondents I have had recently it has occurred to me that the New Bureau listings and the Bureau Order listings might not be clear to some of the newer readers. The New Bureaus are listed by Dr. Mitchell only when he has personally seen the item, he relies on no reports, they must be out in circulation to be listed. The items on Order means just what it says. Mr. Southgate is able to get a fairly accurate list of the bureau items as they are ordered by the different cities, of course sometimes the items are in circulation by the time the lists are printed but this is no one's fault. The Bureaus on Order lists items that should not be out, but in process of manufacture, and gives us an idea of what to expect.

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Not So Hot

The new one-cent stamps for the Army and Navy are at last available and our readers will be able to study them and judge for themselves. Our own opinion is that the stamps could have been made much more attractive. While the heads of the heroes stand out as the chief part of the designs, the whole central portion of the stamps is taken up with a miniature picture which has the effect of crowding the heads up into the corners and giving them the appearance of being supplementary to the pictures in the center.

To have eliminated the center pictures entirely and to have brought the heads down into the center of the stamps would have been far more effective. On the Army stamp we find a strange George Washington. Personally, the writer was born and raised with the "Stuart" Washington and all these other pictures of this immortal that have been rung in on us lately just do not set well on our stomach. The picture on the Army stamp never could pass any school kid for George Washington. Looks more like Monte Blue dressed up.

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Broadway Chatter

By Bi Stander



Out of the thin air came a flurry of excitement that had the dealers of Gotham on their toes. On Friday, December 11th, the day of the abdication of the English King Edward some of the stamp men had to put out a sign, "No Edwards for Sale." The rush was so great the stocks did not last. Prices on the mint complete sets of Great Britain Edwards rose like a rocket, one place having the set at \$1.00, but others were much more modest in their prices. Even the two value Edwards such as the 1/2c and 1 1/2c Great Britains used were in such demand that when the wreckage cleared on Saturday night, December 12th, the amount in dealers' hands were negligible. Immediately the cables were rushed with messages for oodles of the Edwards of Great Britain and the Edward Moroccos, and whether a further supply will come time will tell.

Used Silver Jubilees of the British West Indies have been in great demand this week with prices quite on the rise. British Honduras is priced at \$3.00; Barbados at the same price; Montserrat, a sleeper several weeks ago, is now \$5.00, and St. Vincent at \$2.00; Leewards, destined to be one of the best, has jumped to \$5.00. Some experts here claim the Leewards will be as good as the Mauritius in numbers printed. Ascension in the other part of the world is a "pippin" and watch this "baby" rise.

We have been informed also that the present issue of the Bahamas No. 89 and 90 of the 2 shilling and the 3 shilling values should be bought used if they can be picked up at reasonable prices.

One of the prettiest airmail sets we have seen for months was illustrated in the New York Sun of Saturday, December 12th, and comprises six values, issued for the Fourth Spanish American Postal Congress: 5c blue, monument to Urraca; 10c, orange, a symbolical plaque depicting the human genius uniting the oceans; 20c carmine, air view of the city of Panama; 30c, dull purple, monument honoring Vasco Nunez de Balboa; 50c, carmine, Pedro Miguel Locks, Panama Canal; 1 Balboa, grey green, Palace of Justice. This set is for air mail only.

Extra clerks are necessary at the main postoffice in New York by reason of the many letters addressed to Santa Claus by children.

Many large concerns such as Thomas Cook & Son and others have their windows so interesting that crowds are always around them for through the courtesy of H. E. Harris & Company of Boston, Massachusetts, stamp material has been furnished. Many collectors have been made and credit should be given to both parties, the supplier and the company showing the stamps.

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Naval Cancells and Cachets

By MARSHALL R. HALL
ANCS 10

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Members of both organized naval cover societies are receiving little folders of a new collectors' club. The announced purpose of this outfit is to commercialize covers. You pay dues and you pay for your covers besides. Promise is made of first day of new stamps cancelled on ships and Type F or fancy cancells in addition. It may be well to point out to naval collectors that fancy cancells are not legitimate, can be used in the home of the creator himself and need never see a ship. As for first day naval cancells of new stamps, in almost every case these are dated back and constitute fake covers. I have no grievance against the new outfit, nor against its purpose. I merely seek to point out to the beginner and the amateur certain phases of our hobby that he should protect himself against. If he wants to pay good money for covers of the above type, it is all O. K. as far as I am concerned. If every naval collector began to commercialize the hobby pretty shortly all of us would be trying to chisel a nickel or a dime out of each other instead of ethically collecting in an amateur way the covers we desire.

Cancells from the USS Black Hawk of the Asiatic Fleet will be available until

the middle of January for those who send covers to Archie Lance, Jr., on that ship. He will take a transport for the states in February, so if you want his service, rush covers now, care postmaster, San Francisco. (h)

E. R. Medd of the Cape Fear Stamp & Cover Club, Wilmington, N. C., writes me there will be a cachet for the visit to that port of the USS Perch on its shakedown. No forwarding postage and no other charge. Send covers at once and address Mr. Medd, Box 121. (M)

Wilbur W. Carter of the USS Reid writes that he is not the mail clerk on this new destroyer, although he has been handling the covers. The mail clerk is Charles E. Barkhurst and was assigned to the postoffice before the Reid was commissioned, of course. Thanks, Mr. Carter. Glad to give proper recognition to Mr. Barkhurst.

Robert V. Walton, who with Alex Hesse, Jr., sponsors almost 100 per cent of the submarine cachets, has been transferred and his new address is Box 96, Mt. Vernon, Ga.

Now that Christmas and New Year's cover holidays are out of the way, the collecting world will look forward to Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, and first of the cachets to be announced for both comes from Harry F. Wentz, 600 Mt. Vernon Rd., Newark, O. Each holiday will be covered on about 5 ships. (Chot)

It's a little late, but to all readers of this column, Happy Holidays.

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